



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 6:45 a.m. EST (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Thursday - July 5, 2001

- ***In the West***, isolated showers are providing limited relief from the effects of a week-long heat wave that has stressed pastures, filling winter grains, and dryland summer crops.
- ***On the Plains***, widespread showers and thunderstorms are disrupting winter wheat harvesting in parts of ***Nebraska, Colorado, and Kansas***. Meanwhile, hot weather and unfavorably dry conditions are stressing summer crops on the ***southern and northern High Plains***.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, warm, dry weather favors rapid corn and soybean development and a return to winter wheat harvesting, following recent showers.
- ***In the South***, hot weather is spreading into areas from the ***Delta westward***, where today's high temperatures are forecast to range from 95 to 100 degrees F. In the ***Southeast***, very warm weather, scattered showers, and generally adequate topsoil moisture levels are aiding summer crops, including silking corn, blooming soybeans, pegging peanuts, and cotton in the boll-setting stage of development.

Outlook: Slightly cooler weather is forecast to arrive in the ***West***, accompanied by scattered showers. The ***southern Plains*** are forecast to remain hot and unfavorably dry into early next week, but beneficial showers may overspread the ***northern Plains***. Periodic showers are expected to maintain generally favorable soil moisture levels in the ***Midwest and Southeast***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for July 10-14 calls for near- to above-normal temperatures from the ***Mississippi Valley westward***. Hot weather is expected across the ***West and northern Plains***, while cool conditions will prevail in the ***East***. Mostly dry weather is forecast in the ***West*** and across ***southern Texas***, but wet conditions are expected in many other areas, including the ***southern Rockies, central Plains, southern Corn Belt, and parts of the Southeast***.

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